GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:154
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001
VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) is considering to enter the national long distance communications arena;

(b) whether VSNL had applied for licence to enter the national long distance communications arena;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether VSNLis also considering to tie-up with an existing infrastructure provider for leasing the requisite infrastructure to enter the national long distance communications arena; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 154 FOR 28TH NOVEMBER, 2001 REGARDING VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED.

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. VSNL is considering to enter the National Long Distance Service and has applied for a licence on 2nd November, 2001.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. VSNL is in the process of finalising tie-up with infrastructure provider for getting transmissioncapacity over the domestic long distance network.